

Dear All,

Sunday's Study Service is a bible study on John 4 led by Stephen Clipsham. If there is a main theme out of several, it would be JESUS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. The main themes are:

- Jesus the giver of "living water", "a spring of living water welling up [in us] to eternal life"
- true worship of God would soon be universalised beyond Israel, for God is Spirit & worship must be "in spirit and truth"
- Jesus the Messiah of Israel who alone unfolds all the truth
- dependent on bread for physical nourishment, Jesus' real nourishment was more knowing & doing the will of the Father
- the discovery by "heathen" Samaritans and the recognition by non-Jews that Jesus was the Saviour of the whole world.

John 4 is a beautiful illustration of Jesus in action, for as the eternal Word become flesh, he is God himself living among us, walking about, meeting people, engaging them personally in dialogue, opening them up to know himself & through him the Father. And so John interweaves the outwardly very ordinary events of Jesus' human life with the most wonderful theology. With unerring insight and skill, John presents the Jesus he knew so intimately on earth and now knew in the glory of resurrection light, that we might all come to know Jesus, very God and very man. seeking to know us all the same way he knew and loved John.

7-8.30pm by Zoom meet (details on request) Best wishes - Bob P.S. Why has John chosen to locate the stories in chapter four so near the beginning of his gospel?